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Bottom O' the Afternoon

By BLUE LARUE

It is with a deep, feeling of regret, that I prepare this last copy of "Bottom." I have laughed at you and with you. The school year is over; many of you will never again return to the Academy. Many of you will enter college. For nine long months we have been thrown together constantly, and we may never meet again. Under these circumstances I can only say: Good Riddance.

In keeping with the school's present "progressive" policy I present the latest work of that crusading poet, Billy Vaughan:

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TO OUR TEACHERS

This is not a clever verse,
We tried and tried but just got
worse;
We're just saying in stumbling
speech,
Thanks a million, and God bless
you each.

—Class of '48.

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Freshman News

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Junior-Senior Picnic Hilarious Event; Boys Find Food Very Tasty

For another year as an one carefree summer the M.B.A. Juniors have hosted the Senior class to a picnic held in the park, strictly a stag affair. This year the food was well taken care of by Andy Spickard who collected it all and even managed to get his mother and a few of his friends to help out.

After arriving at the picnic grounds almost at once some of the boys wanted to play ball but were disappointed to find that no ball had been provided. So while waiting for the softball an attack was led upon the boys by a gang from the creek. All went well until something snapped inside of Goodloe. Then this terrorist and his gang swept down upon the defenseless weaker lads; some were sprayed with terrible, sticky cokes; others were swimming; still others were sirolling about without benefit of their pants.

It was not until these battered children retired to the river to clean up that the group discovered their leader, Bob Franklin, had been scuttled and had sunk in the Big Ratty. Rallying to the occasion everyone heaved at the car was high and dry. Goodloe again led his gang on the drier looking of the beach. Another dash to the river again, for Franklin had arrived this time the car was covered with mud as well as water. Again the group lifted him out. Not until Parish was on his way back to town did anyone dare to carry on the wars for fear that Franklin would perish with Parrish aboard.

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Sophomore News

When you read this news, it will be as old. Well all (almost) the Sophomores say he may not pass.

(He started reviewing for the first of January, but then John Blair said)

"Fail early and avoid the rush." But every one is afraid of the fail.

B. ill King even took his books home. Billy Bradford said he used them to sit on when he drove the car. Mac Dixie plans to go to old Kentucky home for the summer. All he can talk about are the beautiful horses and fast women. Gober got a job in a brewery this summer. Says he is getting alcohol for half price. Lots

Edwards and Bauer To Represent Classes At Commencement

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It was not with a deep feeling

of regret that the students left the area, but rather with the thought that it was good to get out while the getting was good. The boys must have enjoyed it as many were not at school the next day.

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money all year. Because of Willie Gunther's reducing place he refuses to eat any lunch.

Here is a little piece of conversation overheard in Fess Ferril's Algebra class the other day.

"What's that?" "What are you trying to teach this class?"

Pete: Why, sir.

F. F.: Then quit talking like a fool.

Bob Cherry intends to better his 55% batting average when playing baseball this summer. Special thanks to baseball, congrats to Jimmy Ray for doing that fine job on the Varsity.

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Mr. Sager Presents Senior Class, Eighth Graders With Diplomas

Key Club Elects Officers; Plans Next Year's Work

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Under the capable direction of the Key Club project for the next year. The lighting of the steps in front of the building is one of the first projects under consideration. Many complaints have been voiced by parents and athletic coaches because of the unlighted approach.

The building of a special bulletin board for Key Club announcements is already being undertaken. This will keep the whole school as well as the Key Club members informed of its activity through articles in the paper next year. Money will be raised for these projects through concessions at tennis and basketball.

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John Ambrose, Bill Bailey, Bobby Carpenter, Harry Corson, George Davis, Ridley Berryberry, Billy Edwards, George Engel, Bob Ewell, Woods Foster, Bob Fullerton, Tom Gossel, Billy Hailey, John Haslett, Billy Howard, Thomas Kennedy, Gordon Long, Bill McMurray, Ed Nelson, Walter Noel, Jimmy Paris, John Rodgers, Robert Swaney, Billy Vaughan, Bill Wade, Jake Williams, Eddie Wiggins, David Wiley, Al Williams, Billy Womack, Edwin Pas Glenn, J. B. Hibbett, Bob McFall.

To begin the commencement exercises Walter Noel will pronounce the invocation; then will follow the Salutatory address by Bumby Wetherbee. Next will come the singing of the declamation contest: Junior school, Jack Duncan; third and fourth forms, Harold Bauer; fifth and sixth forms, Billy Edwards. After the speeches there will be awards in the language arts, Latin, Spanish, French, art awards; history, mathematics, science, and English; awards for public speaking. Aside from these "highest grade" awards are honors ever more coveted: The Howard Allen Award to the outstanding boy in the school, the Martin Martin award to the outstanding school boy, the Honor Medals in each form, and perhaps most significant of all the School Spirit award.

After this certificates will be presented to the junior school graduates. Members of the eighth grade class are:

James Anderson, Don Austin, Jackie Duncan, Bob Lance, Dicky Moran, James Pelleteri, Philip Powell, Bill Rhodes, Ray Scott, George Smart, James Sweeney.

Then comes the highlight of any graduation, the awarding of the well-earned diplomas. To remember on the high school years will be Valeo, Valedictorian; Al Williams. Bill Wade will say the Benediction.

ALUMNI NEWS

By Vernon Sharp

O.K. at Vanderbilt. Keep up the good work, boys!

Among M.B.A.'s former students in the musical field are BROWNLEE, SURREY and NEIL CRAIG, who are making quite a name for themselves at Vandy.

On the sports scene at V.U.: KERMIT STENGEL, '47, has just been named as number one man on the Freshman team; ED MADLUX, '47, at the end of spring football practice was seen doing a swell job of tackle, while HOOPER HUGGINS, '44, was out for varsity manager; BOBBY WALTER an outstanding member of the '47 golf team, was seen recently touring the links at the Bellfield course.

Another big group of M.B.A.'s most outstanding tennis stars who are members of the Nashville Tennis Club are JOE DAVIS, '37, and RICHARD SHILLINGLAW, '39. Sincere congratulations are due Joe, who was recently elected president of the club.

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FOUR KEYS TO A BETTER M.B.A.

We of the paper staff, feeling that we represent the student body more than any other organ in school, feel it our duty to present at least once a year some suggestions for improving the school. While we feel sure that many of our suggestions are impractical and that others would hinder instead of help, we think that there is no progress without ideas and no progress without mistakes.

1.—The passing grade at M.B.A. should be lowered from 75 to 60. At first this sounds like a rash statement; there are, however, many advantages of a lower passing mark. As a matter of fact it makes it easier on student and teacher. From the teacher's point of view it is simpler to make a test which covers more material and is more difficult without worrying so much over the student's ability to pass. The teacher can gain a more representative grade, because a harder test truly separates the strong students from the weak. From the students' point of view this passing mark is better for two reasons. When a student makes an extremely low grade for some carelessness or even for lack of study, he has more chance to pull his grade into the passing group if he is industrious enough to put a bit time toward his study. It also gives the ambitious student incentive to study with hopes of making five or ten points higher than the next fellow rather than one or two. A student is not so likely to leave a test feeling that he could have done just as well with an hour's less study. Then too an average of ninety-five will mean much more to a college if the passing average is lower, since they probably figure that a certain number of boys must pass; therefore the work will have been more difficult at the school requiring the lower average.

2.—The school must maintain its education for the Honor System. This system is truly one of the things that most exemplifies the ideal of becoming gentlemen at M.B.A. But it can not be maintained unless the boys are kept interested in it and made to see its value. With this year's graduating class much of the spirit of the system will be lost. The feeling which was instilled in M.B.A. boys with the conception must be rejuvenated or the idea must eventually lose all meaning. This is the duty of both the student body and the faculty.

3.—The demerit system should be revised. As it stands the demerit system does little to curb ill-conduct in school. One reason is that the boys rebell against all restraint. Another is that they don't care. Still another is that they feel that they always get away with more than they are punished for. We have always felt that the system is bad; yet we have never been able to present a better plan. Perhaps it would improve the situation if along with the six weeks grade the teacher sent in a conduct report stating either satisfactory or unsatisfactory and if unsatisfactory explaining why. This report would be forwarded to the parents with the various complaints. Too many offences would result in first conference of student, headmaster, and parent. If this did not do any good the boy would be discharged from school.

5.—Improved lab equipment would expedite work both in Chemistry and Physics. A more complete set of chemicals is needed before the boys can gain all that is to be gained by lab work.

Fits To Head 48-49 Bell Ringer

We are proud to announce that Henry Fitts is to be the editor of the Bell Ringer for the coming year.

Chosen by Mr. Rule, the faculty advisor, upon Editor Werthan's recommendation, Fitts is expected to follow successfully in the footsteps of the retiring editor, Bernard Werthan, Jr.

Working on the paper for the first time this year, Henry as recognized for his ability and punctuality. It was his enthusiasm and earnestness that helped greatly in compiling the issues this past year.

With the backing of the rest of the capable staff, the paper should have the best year yet.



HENRY FITTS



D.R.

It Isn't Done—The Old Type of Wooing

As I pondered over the subject of this forced essay, my mind wandered to the thought of women and to the ways of wooing them down through the ages. I fully realize that this being leap year, the women's thoughts (?) are turned to tactics of catching men and keeping same. All women seem to have the foolish idea that they are equal to men; and therefore they should be allowed equal privilege in matters concerning emotion. To squelch this desire of an uprising in its budding stages, I have written this brief scientific reminder of the days when women had power.

—The Author.

In the beginning, whether by evolution or by divine creation I am not going to fear the starting something I cannot finish. Women were the ruling factor of the world. They ran the household, fought the wars, argued with the boss, brought home the bacon, beat their husbands, and did the modern man hires a "gorilla" who would be mighty after, or perhaps he will run down his competitor with his new "Supersonic Eight." This means of extermination is much cheaper. The present men dominate nearly all the factors of life including the problem of courting. Instead of standing toe-to-toe and splattering each other's brains over the surrounding countryside as the ancient women did, the modern man hires a "gorilla" who would be mighty after, or perhaps he will run down his competitor with his new "Supersonic Eight." This means of extermination is much cheaper.

These great advancements in civilization have come about as a result of much thought and determination on the greater minds of this world. I present this as a warning to all women. If you feel an urge to crush your lover's fingers into pulp, stop! Resist your impulse to stab these students. Remember those dark days before the invention of the abominable mousetrap, of the skirmish or cook heavy toll of both women, who clubbed each other's noses through the back of their respective heads, and men who were many times trampled to death in the heat of battle. Also many women, after having lost a terrific battle, took out their pent-up emotions on any poor man who happened to be innocently standing by. This resulted in a very highly percentage of deaths because the people

of that day did not have the advantage of penicillin and sulfa drugs as do the men of our day. As one can easily comprehend, these deaths lead to a rapid decline in civilization. This decline continued, until man had learned to exterminate creative and woman spent all her time fighting over the few remaining men. All those men who were left got together and built an arc into which they gathered a few good-looking women and many flexible men and women. To come along with either divine intervention or good chance, wiped out all the excess women and, at last, put the men in power. While still afloat, they all made a gentleman's agreement which decided that for the protection of the women and the good of future generations, man would be allowed to run things as he saw fit! From that day civilization began to arise slowly out of the animal state and began to use more of the brain and less of the body.

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"Hoots From the Owl's Nest"

Well, it's springtime once more and we're expecting Ridley Derryberry to be one of the first to start that outdoor life—fishing, etc.

The college boys have all got a jump on us with W.-B. and Vandy both getting out a week earlier than we do.

"Chariots of Gold," says Timothy.

"Silver Wings," says Elaine;

"A ride in a Lincoln with Andy for me," says Jane.

Atm bombs couldn't keep me from just saying, "Maggie."

Which calls to mind the fact that Bob McLean, who was born from the Bell Junior-Senior Picnic in a barrel has been in a sweat since yours truly and one or two others have been divulging his secrets.

The picnic was capital, although Bob McLean did not seem to notice it. I hope the weather will be as good. Wilbur Creighton and Andy Spickard seemed to be the main cogs in setting things up.

Did everyone notice the fancy white sneakers and other swanky tennis apparel sported by Inman tennis players? "Pabu" J. Hooker while the girls' tennis tourney was being held?

We don't think Vernon Sharp was selling "cokes" just for Key Club spirit, either! Coach asked some pointed questions about the tourney, too. Remember Blackard has been in hiding several weeks.

Thanks to the Auxiliary for the Prom. The stars fell on M. B. A. that night, all right. Bill Bailey and his date didn't seem to enjoy it very much, though they stayed outside most of the time.

Congratulations, Harry! Next year's tennis squad looks mighty promising even without its mainstays, Harry and Gordon.

You'd better start campaigning for Senior Privileges now, Juniors!

Ken Goodpasture made quite a nice talk in assembly. Always glad to hear from alumni.

Coach has been buying up cigars for more—Bill Wade, too.

Hope the Bell is a success—Business Manager, Walter Noel had to cut himself down to three dates a week-end to get the ads finished up. Mr. Hackman ran an ad for his new fish market. Was Mr. Bob Rule right about that classic experiment, Fess?

A paper wouldn't be complete without kidding Bill Wade, and Joan Bush, so you may consider this number complete.

Roving Reporter

Since this is the last issue of the 1948 Bell Ringer we thought that asking how we can be improved might be a good idea. By knowing what the students liked or disliked about the publication this year would help in editing next year's copy. Therefore the question is "How can we improve the Bell Ringer?"

Joe White: "I think that there are not enough pictures in the paper. Often when stories tell about people or sports events a picture would be more interesting than a great deal of words. Also, the cartoons are not funny enough."

Dickie Miller: "In the first place the paper ought to come out on time, so that the news won't be stale. More Sports should be written up and there should be more columns about school subjects. One thing that should be left out is dull news stories telling things that we all know."

Bill Price: "The editorials should deal with problems around school and the world."

Bill Estes: "Not enough personal mention about students; other papers devote sometimes as much as two pages to little incidents that happen around school. Sometimes the paper is inclined to be too serious. For example, after a speaker talks in assembly the paper devotes 3 or 4 hundred words just telling what he said when everybody heard the talk."

Bob Werthan: "The date when the paper comes out should be more regular, say every 3 or 4 weeks. This way the news wouldn't have lost all its interest."

Houston Horn: "I like it fine."



Bill Price: "What use would you have for a trunk?"

Mary Helen: "I'd put my clothes in it."

Price: "What? And go around naked?"

Fox: "Say my aunt can play the piano by ear."

McDaniel: "Oh, that's nothing. I have an uncle who fiddles with his whiskers."

Charlie Hawkins: "Is this dog good for rats?"

Morrissey: "Yes, he's splendid for rats."

Some time later.

Hawkins: "I've had this dog six weeks and he hasn't touched a rat. I thought you said he was good for rats."

Morrissey: "Well, that's splendid for rats."

Coach: "I'll take another bottle of that cough syrup."

Druggist: "Some one sick at your home."

Coach: "No."

Druggist: "Then what do you buy all this cough syrup for?"

Coach: "I like it on my pancakes."

"MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

By RASCOE DAVIS

Congratulations to . . . Jimmy Morrissey who is the new "King of Tennis" of the Nashville Interscholastic league. Jimmy has hit a red-hot 580 for the season championship batting in any league . . . Bob Veach and Bill Wade for the no-hitters and one-hitters they have pitched . . . Jimmy Morris for being elected a member of the final weekly all-Nashville baseball team . . . Harry Corson for sweeping the Nashville Interscholastic tournament without the loss of a set . . . Andy Spickard and Jim Wallace for their victory in the doubles of the M.B.A. tournament . . . Fontaine McDaniel for being elected Mr. Steele's of 1948.

It is becoming more and more evident that Harry Corson is not just an outstanding local junior tennis player, but an outstanding Southern junior netter as well. His victory over Allen Morris, ranked third in the Southern boys last year, in the Vanderbilt Invitational is proof enough of this.

The Maroon golf team finished the season Monday, May 23 with a 17½ to ½ victory over North High. This gave the team a final standing of 10-2-2, which was fourth. Although this is by no means spectacular, if we consider the standings of the previous years it is well above average.

Adding a little color to campus life was the girls' Interscholastic Tournament Surprise of this tourney was Martha Evers, who upset two seeded players to gain the final where she was beaten by Dot Hicks 6-1, 6-2. (See E. F. for further details.)

MBA Students Cop High Honors In Boys' Hobby Fair

In the display building at the Fair Grounds, on May 1-3, the Rotary Club of Nashville held their annual Boys' Hobby Fair.

In the M.B.A. corner were displays of collections, crafts, and projects. Although handicapped by the lack of equipment and facilities, the M.B.A. displays came through with top honors when the ribbons were awarded.

Two boys, Bobby Graham and George Kirkpatrick, won special gold medals and were entertained by the Rotary Club at a luncheon as a reward for their outstanding achievement.

Boys awarded blue ribbons were: Deck, Brown, and Blaek.

Those winning second prize red ribbons were: Sweeney, Adams, Trimble, Fitts, Cantrell, Fox, Gen, Cooper, Morton, Henley, Chickey, Madson, Wad, and Breckinridge.

White ribbons went to: Adams, Cherry, Trimble, Howell, Templeton, Cooper, Seeley, Moates, Ray, Deck, Morton, Hardcastle and Hackman.

Congratulations should be offered to Mrs. Mrs. and Miss McCanless for it was through their guidance that M.B.A. was able to be represented so well.

Library Receives Vocational Books To Help Students

In answer to the Key Club's series of publications for parents and others, Mrs. Campbell has obtained for our library many books along this line. Several of these are: Your Plans for the Future, Looking Ahead, How to Find The Right Vocation, and Two Careers of Tomorrow. All of these and other works of the same type may be checked out just as ordinary books.

Other recent additions of a more general interest have been about the outdoor sports. For all the sports engaged in at M.B.A. there are new books. These go into detail giving the rules and the methods of performing our old games. Some of these books are: Championship Football, Winning Tennis and How to Play It, Play Ball, and How to Play Golf.

M.B.A. Cops Kendall Cram Trophy

Corson Bests McDaniel In Two Sets for Singles Crown

On May 10 the annual City Interscholastic Tennis Tournament, sponsored by the Nashville Banner, began at 3 locations: the courts at the M.A. Centennial Park, and Shelby Park. Played for money Nashville high schools entered.

This year the tournament was very well played in both the boys' and girls' divisions. Our own M.B.A. lettermen showed their skill from the start, and before the first of them was eliminated, the tournament in progress. Captain Harry Corson of the Maroons breezed right into the finals without losing a set. His toughest match came in the semi-finals, when he defeated one of his teammates, Andy Spickard. Second seed Gordon Long, also of M.B.A., had little trouble himself in moving into the semi-finals, where sickness unfortunately caused him to default to Fontaine McDaniel. Fontaine then advanced to the final to meet teammate Corson.

The M.B.A. netmen had apparently decided to make the final elusive teams, as the double duels of Fontaine McDaniel-Inman Fox and Andy Spickard-Jake Wallace met. The doubles were a little harder-fought than the singles, however.

On Tuesday, May 25, the finals in all divisions were played at M.B.A., where a large crowd had gathered. Fontaine and Harry Corson took the court soon after 3:00. Harry took the 1st set 6-0, as Corson couldn't seem to live up to his service. In the 2nd set Fontaine came back somewhat, but Corson, winner of the tourney in 1947, turned on his power to take the final set and the title.

Fontaine then teamed with Inman Fox against Spickard-Wallace. This was one of the best matches in the tournament, as Andy and Big Jake won, 4-6, 6-1.

A lot of credit goes to Mr. Rule for his fine job of handling the tournament to the Banner for its trophy and publicity, and to Mr. Lufner, Meade pro, for his assistance in calling the boys' finals. If the tournament goes off nearly as well next year, it will surely be a great success.

Law of Averages

Walter Noel, a member of the M.B.A. golf team, on May 17 in a match with Duncan got even with Duncan by hitting a mad dash for the old law of average. While playing number 15 over at McCabe golf course, a very sporty 135 yard, par 3 hole, Walter, having figured the direction of the wind and the role on the green took his natural long sweeping swing without the least pressure.

The ball left the tee with the usual burst of energy and went flying toward the object target. The ball, having landed a little short of the green, Walter began to feel that he wasn't going to beat his opponent. But as often does happen in the game of golf, the ball took an extra big bounce and settled down to a fast controlled roll on the green. As the ball slowly came to a stop it was drawing closer and closer to the hole. Now, Walter knew that most of the time the pin prevented the ball from going into the hole. So when he felt that the ball might hit the pin, he tried to make a mad dash across the 135 yards for the green. But Bumby Werthan, realizing that Walter could never reach the

MAROONS KILL YANKS! HOPES FOR CITY CROWN

M.B.A. lettermen, although out of the race for first place but still trying for second place in the Western Division Interscholastic League, came within half a game of the North Yanks by dropping them five to three at Thayer General Hospital Field Friday afternoon, May 11. Bill Wade scattered five hits to annex the victory.

One feature of the game that was heartening was the fact that the Big Red committed only one error. If as many errors had been committed as this, the game would have been in the Bellvue and Fahey Ryan games, the score might very well have been a different story. As it was, the lone Maroon error of the afternoon went to shortstop, Jim Ray. The Yanks had four errors, which may or may not have decided the game. Boyte was pounded for nine hits, but failed to walk one man.

If the Maroons win all the games remaining on the schedule, they will finish in a deadlock for second place. They seem to have a good chance.

In the second inning the Maroons garnered their first tally when Hawkins went to first when hit by a pitched ball. Ezell went to second and Chickey drove Hawkins across. Ehrhart fanned and Veach got to first but was caught off and thrown out. North pushed across a lone run in the fourth after Wade had walked two. Moore stole to third and scored on a single by Ray. The Yanks had four errors, which may or may not have decided the game. Boyte was pounded for nine hits, but failed to walk one man.

Doubles—Corson and Gordon Long, alternating in the one and two spots, had little trouble throttling down the Yanks, however, as they were forced into three sets before subduing Gene Branson of McCallie.

The results:

McCallie—Singles—Harry Corson defeated Hunter Bell 6-2, 6-3; Gordon Long defeated Gene Branson 6-1, 5-7, 6-1; Andy Spickard defeated Bill Dumavant 6-2, 6-3; Fontaine McDaniel defeated Ralph Shaffer 7-5, 6-4; Imman Fox defeated Victor Smith 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; Sam Fowler defeated Bransford of McCallie 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles—Corson and Long defeated Bell and Dunavant 6-2, 6-3; Spickard and Wallace defeated Boedhoe and Fowler 6-2, 6-2.

Boyd—Singles—Andy Spickard defeated Battle 6-2, 6-1; Corson defeated Bowman 7-5, 6-3; Spickard defeated Teas 5-7, 6-0, 6-4; McDaniel defeated Denton 6-1, 6-1; Fox defeated Neyland 6-3, 10-8; Wallace defeated Guy 6-3, 6-2.

Golf Team Concludes Year .500 Average

M.B.A.'s underrated but impressive golf team terminated a .500 last Monday with a 17½ to ½ victory over North High. The team playing 13 contests triumphed in 6 of these and split one losing. The team started back with a 14 to 4 victory over Cohn, this victory was followed by successive defeats by Clarksville (14 to 4), McCallie (10 to 8) and Cohn's (14 to 4) and North (17½ to ½).

green in time to get the pin, grabbed Walter to keep him from breaking his neck in a mad dash for the pin. Of course we realize that everything that had happened up to the present time had been the result of Walter's skill and knowledge of golf. But because some people think that a hole in one is the result of luck on the part of the door, I must confess that the next thing that happened was not purely Walter's skill. Getting back to the ball now, the ball is rolling toward the green and Walter is wrestling to try and get away from his teammate Bummy, so he could let his ball in the hole. The ball was so well aimed that it hit the pin and went straight down the rest at the bottom of the soft steel glass shaped thing which is called a hole in golf language. Walter, after receiving the congratulations of his partners and opponents went on to play the last hole in 80. The M.B.A. team shared the victory over Duncan but Walter Neel alone had the rare feeling which has come to few golfers. To you, Walter Neel, the entire school of M.B.A. takes their hats off as our charter member in the international Hole-in-One Club.

Maroons Gain Place In TSSAA Tourney By Defeating North 7-6 On Ezell's Run

Tennis Team Whips McCallie, Baylor On Chattanooga Trip

Thursday, May 27, Bob Veach and Bill Wade combined their pitching abilities, to earn a 7-6 triumph over North High School. This hard fought victory placed the Maroon combine in the race for the regional title, decided by the TSSAA playoff which starts June 1.

Credit for the victory goes to "Speedball" Wade, who allowed 4 hits while striking out 6 of the "Yankee" batters.

Paul Boyte went all the way for North, but was handicapped by the ill-timed errors of his team mates.

North started off with a bang, tallying one run in the second, with Haynie scoring on Head's single. M.B.A. retaliated quickly scoring three times in the second and twice in the third.

In the second Wade walked, Chickie Hawkins singled and after Ezell struck out, Ehrhart walked to load the bases. Chickie singled to tie to the score, leaving the bases filled. Veach hit to Haynie who threw late to the plate scoring Hawkins. In the Ray hit a high fly ball back to Pauline and Ehrhart beat the throw home for the third marker.

In the third Jim Morrissey walked and after one out, reached second when Haynie threw wild at second on a double play ball by Hawkins. Ezell singled to right to clutter up the bases again. Ehrhart smacked a drive to center to score Morrissey and Hawkins.

In the fifth Ehrhart smacked a single and scored again on an error, making the score 6 to 5.

With this lead, Wade bore down and finished the ball game with a lead of one run.

North	M.B.A.
Binekly, rf	Roy, ss
Gifcomb, cf	Morris, c
Moore, 3b	Morrissey, 1b
Haynie, ss	Wade, p
Reasoner, cf	Hawkins, 3b
Dotson, 1b	Ezell, 2b
Branson, 2b	Ehrhart, cf
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Boyte, p	Veach, p
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The Bell Ringer now is privileged to have as its Personality of the Month, Ed Nelson. Ed came to M. B. A. in the sixth grade, previously attending Farmer grammar school, and has progressed through his senior year.

Ed has been Vice-President of the Junior Honor Society, Senior Representative in the Key Club, and Secretary of the Literary Society. He is a member of the Honor Council, the paper staff, and the Monogram Club.

While at M. B. A. Ed has maintained quite an excellent scholastic record and has been constantly on the privilege list. In addition to his curricular work Ed is quite active in sports. He has played Microbe, Coote, and Varsity football. He has participated in intramural basketball and is a member of the Elk's boxing team. Ed helps in nearly all the activities and projects which are undertaken by the school.

Ed's favorite subject is English; his hardest, History. His favorite sports are football and boxing, and his hobby, roast duck.

Ed is known for his ruggedness, dependability, and good nature, but he is best known for his popularity with the other boys. May we wish you the best of luck always, and we salute you, Ed Nelson, Personality of the Month.

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HARRY CORSON

One of our Personalities of the month is Harry Corson. Harry is one of the most well-rounded boys in school. He takes a great interest in all of the school's athletics, if not as an active participant, an enthusiastic on-looker. Harry has maintained excellent grades throughout his high school career.

His name has been missing from the privilege lists, but by the way, he has taken five subjects three of his four high school years.

Harry is a member of the Key Club, the Junior National Honor Society, and the newly formed Senior National Honor Society, as well as the Monogram Club.

Harry's greatest fame, though, has probably come through his tennis abilities. He is recognized as one of the finest junior tennis players in the South, and he recently affirmed this recognition by winning the Vanderbilt Southern Interscholastic Invitational Tournament in which some of the outstanding junior players in the South participated. He won the freshman-sophomore tennis tournament, the junior-senior tennis tournament, and last year's City Interscholastic Tournament. Winning the city tournament again this year, Harry is the first M. B. A. boy to win it twice and the second in its history to win it a second time.

One of Harry's outstanding traits is his great desire to win or succeed. This trait plus his great abilities have made him a winner both in athletics and in the classroom. Harry's frank but friendly nature has won him many friends around school. We salute Harry Corson as the Personality of the Month and wish him continued success in his tennis, further schooling, and future life.

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SOPHOMORE NEWS

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of boys tried to get jobs in brewer's also. One boy got a job in the hands with the manager it took him half an hour to get them apart. Gillam was respected. They said he had sticky fingers. Who will miss those famous words "A word to the wise is sufficient." The wise, of course, is who is.

If the future Juniors want senior privileges they had better start now trying to get them, while I don't think there is a chance of getting them at M. B. A. though, but remember, "If at first you don't succeed, don't try again." This is the attitude the faculty wishes we would take.

—The Doctor.

Junior News

Well, school is almost over and the Juniors certainly do look sad. They are going to miss school so much they would miss a hole in the head. I've heard that some Juniors are looking for jobs this summer, if they are, they'd better be quickened than might inquire about the new play "a Head of Hair." I understand it has a good part in it.

The other day, to the astonishment of all, Ward Lovell announced that this year had not been won up till now. Lovell had thought that bacteria was a brain disease. Now he knows that it is the back door of a cafeteria.

Predictions for the 48-49 year.
1. John Roberts will meet more than his match in Bob Parrish.

2. Mr. Sager will have too busy

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a trooper or furnish the students with sun glasses to protect them from the glare.

3. To get a new car you have to join the M.B.A. faculty.
4. This reporter will still be writing Junior News.

Senior News

As school slowly but surely draws to a close, all students and especially the seniors are coming around to the conclusion that they had rather study for two weeks now than lose five two weeks in summer school. There is still an air of mystery as to whether some of the prospective alumni are going to make the grade. But if some seniors had studied as hard all year as they are now there wouldn't be so many now, and no one would be worried.

Two seniors who are a perfect example of what good hard studying and a desire to get ahead will do one's average are Al Williams and Bernard Wernham. Al led the class with a 98.8% average. Close on his tail with only $\frac{1}{2}$ point difference was Bummy. I wish I could find out how many seniors in the past four years have even felt that they had earned a grade as



high as these. I am really stretching things for what a boy gets and what he thinks he has earned sometimes differ greatly.

I have come to one conclusion during this senior year. The way Goodloe has been kidding certain other seniors about their work is purely a dead loss in learning. Tommy is fond that he has never quite been able to master. Tommy has never known the feeling and he is just trying to express his ideas on the matter. It is sort of a pandemonium in his mind. But Tommy has the wrong idea about the subject and if it doesn't get him in trouble now it will sooner or later. Come on, Tommy, you know better, I think.

A few days ago we had a golf match with C. M. A. One of our players made the comment club. This club is most exclusive and has been attained by only a few golfers from the entire history of the M. B. A. golf team. However, Walter was the only one from the team who also got in the Belle Meade Invitational. I think this is a good sign that Walter will go on with the game and be a great golfer of the future. I hope so.

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